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Examiner: S. L. Bausch

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Page W. Caufield et al.

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For: METHOD FOR THE SURVEILLANCE FOR

BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL AGENTS

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2008, with an extended date for response of September 19, 2008, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

Applicants also submit a request for a three-month extension of time and the required fee. It is believed that no additional fees are required. However, should additional fees be required for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-0100 for any such fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.